



**U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**

# **Success !**

## *Alewife Restoration*

Beginning in 2000, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Fishery Assistance in Laconia, New Hampshire, initiated a comprehensive 9-year river herring restoration program on the Concord River in eastern Massachusetts. The program entails both addressing fish passage issues and the reestablishment of self-sustaining alewife populations. This year marks the second spring in which mature alewives from an out-of-basin donor were transferred to the Concord River. In 2001, 9 biologists and 36 volunteers from two Federal, three State and two municipal organizations along with four non-government agencies contributed more than 250 hours to transfer 7,500 alewife from the donor in southeastern Massachusetts to the Concord River. Beyond being designated a Wild and Scenic River by Congress, large reaches of the Concord pass through both the Great Meadow National Wildlife Refuge and Minuteman National Park Service.